

**ABSTRACT**

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A system for transmitting replica data between a source system and a destination system provides various standalone headers and data following headers that identify aspects of the data stream in a generalized manner. On the destination storage system, a set of hidden metadata directories (“metadirs”) are provided for storing extended attributes in association with files on the destination. The system also supports a standalone header that instructs the destination to undo a backed-up changed file in the event that the source determines that the file was modified in the midst on a backup procedure and transmission to the destination.

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